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## CURRENT TOPICS.

PALESTINE is thronged with travelers this year.

The season of college commencements is upon us.

LONDON has a larger population than Scotland.

BRECHER expects to give forty lectures in England.

Mr. BRECHER is going to Europe on a lecturing tour.

DONKEY carts are the latest craze in Washington.

A NEW YORK firm sells boots for dogs with sore feet.

MAXWELL's lawyer addressed the jury for over seven hours.

HEARNS is to work in the blacksmith shop at Sing Sing.

In some places in Arizona there has been no rain for three years.

THE PASTEUR FUNGUS now exceeds 1,000,000 francs, and still grows.

MR. PARNELL has two sets of secretaries—one set to work at night.

It is said that John Kelly died worth a million and a half dollars.

MANY farmers in Illinois are now sowing salt on their fields to kill chinch bugs.

A NEW post-office has been named Folom in honor of the President's bride.

U. S. SENATOR ALDRICH has been re-elected by the Rhode Island Legislature.

It is stated that upwards of nine hundred women own and manage farms in Iowa.

A WOODEN dish manufactory at Manacelona, Mich., ships a car-load of dishes a day.

In Eastern Oregon among the mountains the snow is so deep yet that teams can not travel.

THE American Bible Society printed during the last year 1,487,440 Bibles and New Testaments.

A STREATOR (ILL.) firm has sold over 600 pounds of putty since the recent storms in that vicinity.

MANY of the medals of the Canadian volunteers have been found in the pawnshops of Montreal.

A THOY man recently went to the circus and wished to enter at half price because he had but one eye.

THE early-closing movement on Saturday is meeting with almost general adoption in New York City.

THE Providence Dairy Company, of Rhode Island, made 1,750,000 pounds of bogus butter last year.

CHARLEY AND JAMES CULBERTSON, of Vandalla, Mo., killed 3,000 field mice while plowing 100 acres of ground.

THE largest church in Washington is said to be that of the colored Methodists. It seats 2,800 people and cost \$116,000.

ALVIN CLARK's bill for the great object glass of the Lick telescope will be about \$31,000. The glass will weigh 450 pounds.

THE acreage of wheat in Eastern Washington is said to be wonderful. In many districts the increase is fully 100 per cent.

DELAWARE peach growers are frightened over the appearance of a new worm. As usual, they fear the failure of the peach crop.

A WELL, bored on the grounds of the chemical works at Buffalo reached an ample supply of gas at a depth of one thousand feet.

HERK MOST is said to be morose and despondent. Seen through the squares of a cell grating, life is certain to look pretty checked.

AN Aurora, Dakota, newly fledged justice has hung out a gorgeous sign announcing the fact that he "will marry people at 50 cents a couple."

JOSEPH DION, the renowned billiard player, now an utterment wreck in the Bloomingdale asylum, New York, is rapidly nearing the grave.

THE great monument of Victor Emmanuel at Turin, costing \$300,000, has been erected by King Humbert entirely at his own private expense.

THE United States ship Powhatan has been condemned and her officers and crew have deserted her. She will be kept at Brooklyn for a store ship.

A WASHINGTON special to the Boston Globe says that the handsome Congressman Leveaux has captured the heart of Miss Rose Elizabeth Cleveland.

CHARLEY Berlinger, a little boy of Adams, Cal., was hanged by his playmates, but a gentleman passing by cut him down just before life was extinct.

EX-GOVERNORS CURTIN, of Pennsylvania; Kirkwood, of Iowa; Ramsey, of Minnesota, and Sprague, of Rhode Island, are the only "war governors" now living.

THE casting of wrought iron, a process that, if successful, engage great attention, is said to have been introduced in New York by a Swedish inventor.

GERMAN infantry regiments are being drilled in bicycle riding. A brigade of well drilled soldiers charging the foe upon their iron horses would be a pretty sight.

SINCE the first announcement of President Cleveland's intended marriage, Senator Jones has ceased to be an object of national interest. He is still in Detroit.

Mrs. CALHOUN, near Centerville, N. Y., is 105 years old, lives all by herself, sells herbs and decoctions to the neighbors, and is the village sybil, who has told the fortunes of all the lads and lassies thereabouts for half a century. She expects to live a long time yet.

THERE are more suicides in Paris than in any other city in the world, while Glasgow has the least number of suicides of any city in the world except Edinburgh. Strange that the brightest city in the world should have the most and the darkest the least of the suicidal mania.

PICKEREL shooting has become a favorite sport at Lake Whitney, near New Haven. The sportsman, with his rifle, walks along the bank, and when a pickerel darts out from near the shore and stops an instant near the surface, he fires, and if he is a good shot he kills the fish.

## GIGANTIC CONSPIRACY.

The Police of East St. Louis Plotting to Plunder the City.

The Entire Force Discharged—Startling Confession of a Crackman.

EAST ST. LOUIS, June 9.—The City Council at a special session last night discharged the entire police force on the charge of conspiracy to rob the banks and business houses of the city. Eighteen months ago the city treasury was robbed of \$8,000, and a lieutenant of police, Tom Duffy, is now serving a sentence in Chestnut for the crime. He made a confession recently, the result of which was the trial of two other city officials for implication in the offense. The jury disagreed. Sheriff Ropiquet, of St. Clair County, recently arrested a burglar who, after a short confinement, gave him the details of a gigantic conspiracy to plunder East St. Louis. His story was substantially that he and two other crackmen, all experts in their line, had been invited to come to East St. Louis to operate the bank of the Workingmen's bank, and a half dozen of the leading business houses. A man named Jake Britton, employed at the Little Rolling Mill, was charged with the conspiracy, and had charge of the tools. Both banks were to be plundered the same night, and by prearrangement the police were to be out of the way. The understanding was that the police were to have half and the burglar half of the loot. Upon the strength of this story Britton was at once arrested, and is now in the Bellevue jail. The matter was called to the attention of Mayor Joyce and the facts and circumstances pointed so strongly against the force that he called a special session of the council. The matter was partially examined in the council chamber, and a resolution was adopted discharging the entire force of fourteen men, and Chief Holleran alone being retained. It is alleged that the majority of the policemen had a guilty knowledge of the conspiracy, and that they would be proceeded against. Detectives are now working on the case, and it is hinted that further developments of a remarkable nature will soon be made public.

## MORE RIOTING IN IRELAND.

Belfast a Scene of Wild Fighting—Nine Persons Killed.

BELFAST, June 9.—Last night a mob of Orangemen made an attack upon the tavern kept by a Catholic named Duffy. The police were promptly on the scene, and after a stubborn contest, during which they used their carbines, drove the mob away in disorder. The rioters re-assembled with increased strength and again attacked Duffy's, this time overpowering the police and driving them from the scene. The mob was accompanied by a large number of factory girls, who goaded or shamed the men on to battle and formed a most dangerous element. When the officers abandoned Duffy's, they took complete possession of the tavern. It was at once thoroughly sacked. These rioters after awhile congregated around the police station and stoned the place until they were tired. They were then driven down to another police station, where they were again stoned. The police hastened thither in advance and endeavored to protect the property, but they were overpowered and driven away. The mob, left in possession of the tavern, then turned on all the taps, broke the full barrels in the street, made a bonfire of the furniture and finally set fire to the building. The police returned, and this time got the better for a time of the mob, whose ranks were depleted by the scores who had fallen away in drunkenness, and extinguished the flames before they could gain control of the structure. The rioting was renewed this evening and the riot act was again read. The mob increased in size and began throwing stones at the police. The latter fired, killing four persons, one of whom was a barmaid, who was looking out of a tavern window at the fighting. The mob returned the fire and a brisk fusillade was kept up for twenty minutes. Soldiers are now parading the streets to assist the police in case of necessity. The mob drove a force of one hundred and fifty policemen into the barracks and then attacked the buildings, firing revolvers and throwing stones at the doors and windows. The police fired, killing five persons.

## TO SAVE MAXWELL.

Sheriff Coakley Offered Ten Thousand Dollars to Let the Trunk Murderer Escape.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., June 9.—The following letter was received at the Four Courts by Sheriff Coakley yesterday. It was mailed at St. Louis, Mo., and was written in a bold hand on a half leaf of yellow paper which had been torn from a book:

ST. LOUIS, June 9, 1886.

John Coakley, Esq., Deputy Sheriff.

DEAR SIR—I notice you have charge of Mr. Maxwell, and I am a friend of his. I have family and friends to save him at any risk. I would like to secure your assistance. I have unlimited means at my disposal, and if it takes \$10,000 I am determined to get him for his escape. It can be easily effected when you lead him through the crowd at the time he is brought up to be sentenced. I have waited you day after day when you were taking him from the jail to the court room, and I can arrange how the escape is to be managed when I meet you, and if you are willing to go into the scheme and make a few dollars, I will deposit the amount of your price in the hands of any respectable person whom you know by sight. No person here knows me or suspects my mission. Meet me at Peckington's, Seventh and Pine streets, Tuesday at five o'clock. I will speak to you and tell you my plans. Act the man, save my friend, and make money to secure your independence for life.

(Signed) CHARLES HUNTER.

## To Test the Dow Liquor Law.

CINCINNATI, June 9.—To the surprise of nearly everybody the announcement is made that a case to test the validity of the Dow liquor law is already in the Ohio Supreme Court. The police commissioners of Cincinnati have been instrumental in bringing it. One-half of the receipts under the law goes to the police fund. The case has gone to the Supreme Court on appeal from Cincinnati courts. It was expected that the testing of the law would depend upon action by the saloon-keepers, whose policy it was to delay the matter as long as possible and escape payment of the tax by limitation. Dr. Minor, Democratic member of the police commission, says he believes the law will stand and the tax be paid. It will be paid, too, he says, or the commission will shut up every saloon till

## A WATERSPOUT.

Destructive Storm in North Carolina—Brooks Become Raging Rivers—Houses and Stock Swept Away and Crops Destroyed.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., June 10.—A waterspout burst over Marshall yesterday afternoon and the most terrific rain fell upon the surrounding country that has been witnessed within the memory of the oldest inhabitant. Houses fell before the advancing flood, cattle were swept away and drowned, and the crops throughout the region roundabout were destroyed. A puny stream, known as Rugby Run, ordinarily three or four feet wide, became a raging river, overflowing its banks and sweeping away everything movable that came within its reach. Fortunately no loss of life is reported. One of the most exciting incidents of the storm was the narrow escape of a train filled with passengers. Two or three small breaks in the track had occurred before the train reached the river side, but by proceeding cautiously they had been passed in safety. As Asheville, their correspondent boarded the train. It was just 6 o'clock, and the rain was pouring down in torrents. 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